



GOVERNOR GRETCHEN WHITMER

INVESTING IN NORTHERN MICHIGAN

The Whitmer-Gilchrist administration has invested in every region of Michigan to deliver on the kitchen-table issues that matter most to families, communities, and small businesses.

Growing Northern Michigan's economy

- Michigan Economic Development Corporation (MEDC) investments:
 - Over \$5 million invested to support nearly 30 Business Development projects projected to create over 300 jobs and leverage over \$45 million in private investment.
 - \$28 million to support over 60 Community Development projects, leveraging \$80 million in private investment and reactivating more than 4 million square feet of public space.
- Delivered \$18 million to support over 1,500 businesses and retain more than 15,000 jobs through COVID, with 74% of relief going to geographically disadvantaged areas.

Empowering workers in Northern Michigan

- 2,636 Michigan Reconnect applicants in Northern Michigan are on tuition-free paths to higher education or skills training.
- 2,928 Futures for Frontliners in Northern Michigan who served on the frontlines of the pandemic have been accepted to get on tuition-free paths to receiving a diploma or attending community college.
- Created 697 new registered apprenticeships with a focus on supporting opportunities for underrepresented populations: veterans, women, people of color, those with disabilities, and young Michiganders.
- COVID relief:
 - Saved 1,112 jobs with Workshare program which allowed employees to collect unemployment benefit while working part-time.
 - Set up 14 virtual job fairs connecting 320 employers to over 410 job-seekers.

Fixing roads, bridges, pipes, and parks in Northern Michigan

- Fixed 2,323 lane miles of road and 38 bridges, supporting 3,760 jobs.
- Invested \$27.6 million to upgrade or repair state and local parks.
- Invested nearly \$45 million into water infrastructure in Northern Michigan to upgrade sewer systems, replaced lead pipes, and protected safe drinking water for families.

Investing in students and schools in Northern Michigan

- Increased per-pupil funding by 16%, or \$1,279, for every student in Northern Michigan since taking office.
- Expanded access to free preschool through the Great Start Readiness Program to 1,807 kids in Northern Michigan.
- Raised childcare funding per kid in Northern Michigan by 156%.

Building housing and keeping families in their homes in Northern Michigan

- Constructed 942 affordable, attainable housing units.
- Helped 115 families with mortgages and down payments.
- Kept 4,552 families in their homes with rental and utility assistance.
- Delivered emergency rental assistance to 4,010 families.

Proposals to cut taxes for seniors and working families in Northern Michigan

- Governor Whitmer's proposal to roll back the retirement tax would save 30,900 families in Northern Michigan an average of \$1,000 a year, putting \$30.9 million back in people's pockets and the local economy.
- Governor Whitmer's proposal to triple Michigan's Earned Income Tax Credit would deliver an average combined tax refund of \$3,000 to 28,900 working families in Northern Michigan, putting \$86.7 million in people's pockets and the local economy.

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